

BREVITIES.

Negroes rarely become bald.
Dynamite was invented in 1846.
The river Nile is 5,000 miles long.
Arachnology is the history of spiders.
Buttermilk will take out mildew stains.
Only one person in a thousand dies of old age.
American railroads support 3,000,000 persons.
Fugitives from justice are posted in the hide market.
Eve Mann, having failed as a star, has joined a variety show.
In Chile six new Cabinets on an average are formed every year.
The mathematician among the reptiles is supposed to be the adder.
Some kinds of cold comfort are not refreshing, even in the summer.
Only 20 per cent of the murders committed yearly are ever found out.
There are twenty-three acres of land to every inhabitant of the globe.
Cot. J. H. Haverly goes with the Emerson minstrels to San Francisco.
As many as 1500 people are said to be "lynched" in the United States yearly.
Hennricks & Davis' "The President" is winning money in the West.
"E" is the most frequently used letter in the alphabet; then comes "T."
"The Volunteer," produced at Cincinnati, does not look like a success.
Money spent for adhesive plaster can be charged to payment of a back tax.
There are over one thousand Chinese out of work in Portland, Oregon.
New York's unemployed are more than ever and steadily increasing in number.
Philadelphia claims the largest cold storage warehouse in the United States.
Alan Dale's new novel, "Miss Innocence," fell from the press on Thursday.
Maude Granger has made a hit in "Inherited" at the New York Windsor theater.
Twenty millions of acres of the land of the United States are held by Englishmen.
This world is much better than it is if men would live up to their obituaries.
The finger-nails grow between one and a half and two inches in length yearly.
Henry M. Stanley is richer by \$100,000.
The decrease in population in Canada between 1881 and 1891, has been 1 1/2 per cent.
Baby's first short dresses ought to be cut quite long so as to cover her limbs while sitting.
Russia is disposed to hold out the hand of friendship to Great Britain in the Dardanelles affair.
A man who has just returned from a vacation takes little interest in the surplus question.
An electric outfit for one of the large cruisers costs any where from \$75,000 to \$100,000.
Edgar Selden will temporarily close his tour of "Will o' the Wisp" and secure a stronger cast.
Ardie Davega, who plays the role of Fan in "The Burglar" company, has made an unexpected hit.
It used to be the speculators that held the wheat back for high prices. This year it will be the farmers.
—A gin belonging to Phillips & Robertson at McGregor was burned. Loss \$6,000. Insurance \$2,500.
The summer run of "Sinbad" at the Chicago opera house has cleared David Henderson \$37,000.
"He treated her shamefully," "Did she get a divorce?" "No. Why not?" "She wanted to get even with him."
Always keep ready for use some fine sand paper to clean the rust spots from any articles that need it.
A boy, kept in after school for bad orthography, excused himself to his parents by saying that he was spell-bound.
Miss Jeans, Manchester, England has gained the Cobden prize of three hundred dollars for the best economic essay.
—Stockmen and farmers are much encouraged over the heavy rain which has fallen at Colorado and all over this section of the State. Stock water is now plenty.
—A commission appointing General Griffith Rutherford, a member of the Ohio Territory council, signed by George Washington, is in the possession of J. R. Rutherford, of Paris, Tex.

A reform paper will be started in every county by the South Dakota Alliance. The organizations will subscribe in bodies and patronize only concerns advertising in the same.
The Farmers Alliances of Ohio and Kansas have decided to assist organized labor in its fight against unfair goods by refusing to purchase those manufactured by non-union men.
The United States has more miles of railroad than all European countries combined. The mileage in this country is 166,817 miles, and in Europe 154,113 miles.
The World's Fair at Chicago will have another noticeable exhibit. The old homestead of Jesse James near Kearney, Missouri, will be removed to the Fair site.
The next day it rains get the grain bags out. Mend those that need it, and mark your name on all of them.
It is reported from Whitehall, Wis. that 20,000 acres of corn has been ruined by the recent frost.
It is the part of the great and good to do great and noble deeds, though he risks everything.
To make paper stick to a wall that has been whitewashed, wash in vinegar and salaratus water.
A common hatred binds two individuals or nations as closely as does a common love.
There is no man so desperate as he who finds himself without a single flatterer.
"I have a misgiving in this affair," as the father said when he gave away the bride.
The oftener carpets are shaken the longer they wear; the dust cuts the fiber of woven goods.
Make a friend of the tooth-pick as well as the tooth-brush: it is of as much importance.
The biggest vegetable on record is the British drum-beat, which encircles the world.
A printer does not necessarily put the form to press when he goes to see his best girl.
Nine members of the Kite arctic expedition returned with many specimens.
Indians at Chilcat, Alaska, revolted because of a reduction in the price of salmon.
The Monterey and Mexican railroad has been completed into Tampico, Mla.
One reason why some men have cross wives, is because they are surly themselves.
In making table linen or towels save the ravelings for darning purposes.
Silver cologne receptacles, modeled after the New York obelisk, are popular.
Before things will come your way you must start them in your direction.
The counterfeiter is satisfied if he can spend money as fast as he can make it.
Soon the political orators will begin to spout like a natural gas fissure.
The rose is red and the violet is blue, and so is the man whose rent is due.
"This is my hour of knead," said the cook, as she began to work the dough.
It must have been a head-wind that blew through the man's whiskers.
A big man does not have many opportunities to fight as a little one.
Dogs and men both have summer pants; but a dog has a fit sometimes.
Jack Frost will call around promptly to settle the mosquitoes' bill.
When you find a man who agrees with you what a smart man he is.
Everyone's sweetheart sometime gets up in arms against him.
Order freshest fish and corn cake; never mind the heavy fritters.
Sprinkle the plants with strong tobacco tea for green flies.
Men take more to get in trouble than they do to get out.
Money which is "coming to you" does not always arrive.
Only very mean men always take the half cent.
God puts our greatest duties nearest to us.
The present is the golden moment of life.
Be content with such things as ye have.
Every man owes a debt to mankind.
In shoal water you know how deep it is.
Be the architect of your own fortune.
Activity is not always energy.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

In Oldenburg, a fall of temperature from 37° above zero to 22° below is reported to have occurred in 20 minutes on Nov. 19, 1890. A heavy rain preceded the change. Some 30 Kirghises, who were returning to Oldenburg, were drenched with the rain, then frozen on their horses.
Consumption has been produced in guinea pigs by inoculation with tubercle bacilli obtained by Herr Prausnitz in the dust of cars often used to convey patients from Berlin to Meran. The number of bacilli is supposed to have been small, but the necessity of disinfecting the cars used by the sick is shown.
A new meat extract, called "Oxin" is prepared in France, and made into tablets which are said to be as digestible as raw meat. Lean beef, free from fat, bone and tendon, is pounded to a pulp, mixed with sugar and heated; to about 100° Fahr., when the mixture is converted into a saccharine extract. Further heating gives this any desired degree of concentration.
LUNAR STREAKS.
The Astronomer Royal for Scotland states that when the moon is half full its brilliancy is not nearly one-half as great as when it is quite full. He attributes the brightness of the full moon to the bright streaks which are then seen over the lunar surface, starting from the craters. He supposes these to be convex or concave, and largely invisible under cross light and brightly illuminated when the sun shines full upon them.
PRESERVING POTATOES.
A prize of 1000 francs was not long ago offered by a French association for a method of keeping potatoes and other vegetables. Some isolating substance, such as wood ashes, sawdust, or rye-straw with sand, was used by four of the five competitors. The plan of M. Schri-aux, who gained the prize, is to put the potatoes for 10 hours in a 1 per cent solution of commercial sulphuric acid, when, after being thoroughly dried, they will keep without alternation more than a year. The same solution may be used many times.
PICTURES OF MOVING OBJECTS.
The photographic analysis of rapid movements has made great progress. In a recent series of instantaneous photographs, Anschütz, of Lissa, has secured 24 successive impressions of a dog in the act of making a single jump over a low bush, and each impression is not a mere silhouette, as was the case with Muybridge's first attempts of this kind, but a little picture showing half-tone and detail. Some of the attitudes, never caught by the eye, seem quite amusing. This is true at the commencement of the jump, when the dog's hind feet only touch the ground; and at the end of the jump, when the front feet are together in a heap.
USE OF DISTANT POWER.
It has been generally questioned whether power could be conveyed electrically from Lauffen to the Frankfurt Exhibition, as was proposed some months ago, and the suggestion has been made that, if the project were otherwise practicable, leakage would consume the entire current in damp weather. The results, however, have demonstrated the important fact that high tension alternating currents may be successfully, and in many cases economically, transmitted to great distances. On a rainy day 200 horse power has been passed over the line, a distance of nearly 112 miles, with an efficiency of about 75 per cent. The current was raised by transformers to the high potential of 13,000 volts, before passing over the wire, and then reduced by other transformers to a lower voltage before being utilized in the motor.
A true principle never dies.
In every parting there is an image of pathos.
Reputation is what men and women ape your own.
You may not be able to do great things, but you can be faithful in little ones.
Tickle the average man in the right spot and he will offer to give you a dollar.
The juice of a tomato is said to be excellent for removing ink, wine and fruit stains.
Watch the person who spends his time protesting his honesty or his innocence.
"Please honor us with your presents," reads a western invitation to a wedding.
About the only thing that can be left lying around loose now a days is a tooth brush.
A crooked jury cannot render a true bill. But some go on record just the same.
"What a waist of money!" exclaimed the feminine smuggler as she wrapped a few shawls about her.

Two servant girls in Wyoming sued their employer, a woman, for their wages. The case was tried before a jury of women.
English publishers, recognizing the superiority of American printing paper, are using it in preference to the home article.
A man is always taller in the morning than when he goes to bed. When you are asleep you "stretch and grow."
Mrs. Phillis Johnson, a colored woman who recently died in Lower Oxford, Pa., was said to be 109 years old.
A wise man ought to hope for the best, be prepared for the worst, and bear with equanimity whatever happens.
A document envelope that works like a telescope, adjusting itself to one paper or to fifty, is a recent invention.
An enterprising soap manufacturer has placed his advertisement on a prominent rock in the straits of Magellan.
Were a young man to write down a list of his duties health should be among the first items in the catalogue.
A labor "congress" has decided that no girl or boy under 13 years of age shall be employed in any factory.
The motto beneath the coat of arms of the Marquis of Aylesbury is quite appropriate: "We Have Been."
Two hundred Mormon missionaries are working and preaching in the rural districts of England.
A good man is a man who is good to us, and a bad man is a man who doesn't do what we want him to.
The world is full of people who enjoy seeing a tin can tied to the tail of some other man's dog.
Hon. Henry Ballard is mentioned among the candidates for United States Senator from Vermont.
It is a very rare man who can't lay all misfortunes on Providence or his wife's relatives.
People are really missed when away never appreciate their importance when present.
The receiver of taxes in Philadelphia gets \$10,000 a year, while in New York he is paid \$4,000.
There are 425 music halls in London with a total seating capacity of two hundred thousand.
In the interior of China on the Yangtse Kiang the natives are destroying American missions.
After a man passes 40 the greatest hero in the world to him is the man who becomes famous after 40.
Let men laugh if they will when you sacrifice desire to duty. You have both time and eternity.
It may interest some people to learn that blondes get sea-sick more easily than brunettes.
There are twice as many large blue mammals in Maine now as there were ten years ago.
There are about 50 buffaloes left in Wyoming, and they are likely to be killed off soon.
One object in feeding is to get an increase in size as much as possible, but at a low cost.
A vein of nickel, seven feet wide, is reported to have been uncovered near Hope, Idaho.
Cardinal Manning is godfather to W. H. Gladstone, who is named Henry after him.
Southern farmers are said to be less in debt now than at any time since the war.
Fire destroyed the business portion of Attala, Ala., causing a loss of \$100,000.
If the fowls refuse their feed, or not eat it up clean, let them miss a meal or two.
A Change of food is desirable, as the fowls tire of one kind if given too long.
The unveiling of the Grady monument in Atlanta will take place Oct. 21.
In ploughing near Carthage, Ill. several ancient skeletons were found.
Men should confine their desires to their conditions and capacities.
The most difficult thing men find to do is to live within their means.
Bettdr begin the world without a dime than end it without a dollar.
Ruby marquis rings with one large diamond in the centre are seen.
An elephant larger than Jumbo has been captured in Africa.
Balances on the credit side of the ledger always look the best.
In one respect we are all God-like—we all love cheerful givers.
Timidity is a stumbling-block and turns the feet of ruin.
Difficulties are overcome by diligence and assiduity.
The Democracy of Chicago is once more solidly united.
Beautiful bubbles are but glittering emptiness.

JINNY.

She had no paw nor maw
Nor any head nor kin.
'N that's income it happened
That we all took her in.
A poor, peaked little critter,
Red headed, pale an thin.
Six boys that was o' we uns,
An pap he used to gree
That five of us was likely
As you would wish to see:
An one of us was slowly,
An that thar one was ma.
An Jinny used to pleg me
Fer bein big an lean,
All hands an feet an freckels,
The thickest ever seen.
She judged 'twas only sunburn
Kept me from lookin' green.
First off I didn't mind it,
Them fannin ways of hern.
But when she took to growin
Like a slim young forest fern,
An did her hair up on top, why
Her jokes began to burn.
I knowed I wasn't nothin
Set off 'gint John an Jim;
An Bud, well, he was sightly,
An Ted, I looked at him
An sensed his chance with Jinny
Was big an mine was slim.
So I 'lowed to never mention
How much I keered for her;
Cuz I jedgo to pine in secret
It pesses easier.
Then to pine with folks-a-knowin'
Just what you're plain fer.
I tried a friendly manner,
An talked with her right smart
About her beaux, an reckoned
She hadn't any heart;
An one day when I said so
Her eyes flew wide apart.
In a suddint, cur'us fashion,
An the blue looked wet, an she
Was pink as any rose bush:
An 'T Well, when I see
Thet blush—well, the truth is
She's goin to marry me!
—St. Louis Critic.

The One He Was Looking For.

The story of British blunder comes to us from this side of the Atlantic, a blunder which has been made before. A rather dense nobleman, who had letters to the best houses in Boston, and who was the recipient of much courtesy, left the "Hub" after a few weeks' visit for the inevitable expedition to the "Rockies" which every Englishman considers an essential part of an American experience.
On his return he again visited Boston and bethought himself of calling at a house where he had frequently dined on his former visit. In answer to his ring the old butler, who had been in the family for many years, came to the door himself. "Is Mrs. B— in?" said my lord.
"Oh, sir," exclaimed the faithful old soul with the tears running down his cheeks, "my master is dying!" Lord G—, who stuttered a good deal (which rather increased the effect of his fashionable vacuousness), stared at the man an instant as if he did not quite understand him and then rejoined with dignity:
"I—I d-didn't ask for M-Mister B—, I asked for Mrs. B—."—New York Tribune.

Fire from Air.

The principle of the generation of heat by the sudden compression of air is utilized in an ingenious manner for firing blasts in the Aubin collieries in the province of Aveyron, France. The apparatus consists of a metal cylinder, in which moves a well fitting piston, the rod of which carries a cross piece for a handle. The end of the fuse is passed through a rubber bag into one end of the cylinder. A quick and

the cylinder generates so much heat as to ignite the fuse.—New York Journal.

A Man Over Eight Feet Tall.

Nearly every nation has produced its celebrated giant, and most nations more than one. James Toller, born at St. Neots, Huntingdon, England, "at the age of ten years had attained the surprising height of five feet and upward; at the age of eighteen years he had reached the height of upward of eight feet one and a half inches and was still in progress of growth." There is no record of his having attained a greater height, however, though he was exhibited for a considerable period in Kirby's museum as "The Greatest English Giant."—Times.

A Use for Electrical Beams.

Through experiments made by English military authorities, it has been found that whenever the atmosphere is laden with smoke or mist the power of an electric light is greatly diminished by crossing the beam of light with that of another at a certain angle. At the point of intersection the illuminated space is practically made a screen. It is proposed to utilize this knowledge, since the electric beam can thus be made to serve as a screen, back of which tactical operations might be conducted in secret.—Industrial World.

Flat Feet as Suckers.

The instep is a feature peculiarly anatomical to man. As a rule, want of development in this particular is characteristic of low physical development. Certain negro races lack it notably. In southern cities colored youths who enjoy the gift of flat feet do frequently, when the pavements have been watered in the evening, walk over them, their soles acting like the leather suckers utilized for purposes of amusement by small boys, and delight in the loud reports which follow their steps.—Washington Star.

Money of China.

Money in China has been made of everything almost, from shell to porcelain. The very interesting coins of ancient times of peculiar shape are said to represent the bronze hatchets that were current very long ago. The square hole in Chinese money is said to represent the openings through which the shell money of past ages was strung.—Philadelphia Press.

HOW TO DELAY BALDNESS.

A Prominent Physician Gives Some Rules That Will Preserve the Hair.
A far more common cause of the "plentiful lack" of hair now so prevalent is bowel and nervous disorders. Dyspepsia and weak and falling hair go hand in hand; and who will say that we are not a dyspeptic nation? Now, dyspepsia is due to our modern mode of living; ergo, one of the great primal causes of premature baldness is civilization. Indeed, we can have no doubt on this point when we remember that civilization has also introduced the "chimney pot," probably to aid and abet.
Very many of the "bleak and barren brows" we see around us are also due to dyspepsia. The moral therefore is: Look after your general health. At the same time, loss of hair is not always caused by loss of health. It frequently proceeds from purely local causes, and, as these causes can be guarded against, perhaps you will allow me to tell what to do and what not to do in order, under ordinary circumstances, "to keep their hair on."
Avoid tight fitting hats and collars, also close fitting wraps, unless these be of some porous material. The two former prevent a due supply of blood to the parts, hence the hair papillae are put, as it were, on short commons all the time the hats and collars are worn. The caps engender caloric, which sets up irritation, and ultimately that most stubborn form of dandruff, namely, pityriasis (i. e., a branny powder). Note that all headgear which is not porous should be ventilated at top and sides, to allow a free current of air.
Never sit or stand with the top of the head near a gaslight or lamp light. The heat thrown out is apt to paralyze the scalp tissues and dries up the hair itself.
Don't wash the head oftener than once a fortnight, when first rub in the yolk of an egg and thoroughly rinse out with warm water, into which has been thrown a pinch of borax. Dry carefully and apply a little pure olive oil.
Beware of that common practice, dipping the comb in water when arranging the hair. It promotes decomposition and rancidity of the natural oil, and so leads to "rotting."
If the hair be naturally dry apply a little olive oil occasionally. If naturally oily, occasionally wash away the excess of sebaceous secretion by means of a lather of tepid water and soap bark.
Salt water is most injurious to the hair, for which reason when sea bathing wear an oil cap.
Always treat the scalp as if you loved it. Take to heart Dr. Godfrey's dictum that "Every touch affecting so delicate a texture as the scalp should be soft and soothing; every application bland and mild." Don't use stiff bristles or wire brushes, and in all cases brush gently. Also, always brush out the hair before attempting to comb it, and use the comb as little as possible.
Have the ends of the hair clipped once a month, if only to prevent them from splitting; but don't close crop.
I am sure, sir, that thousands of your readers would be benefited by following the above instructions.—Henry Williams, M. D., in London Telegraph.

There is a most celebrated tradition in Wales, poetry and song as Cadwr Idris, or Idris' Chair. The hollow, conchlike excavation on the top of the mountain has given the peak its name, according to the Welsh bards the depression was caused by the Giant Idris long using it as a chair. There is a local tradition in North Wales that whoever passes the night in the Giant's Chair will be found in the morning either dead, crazy or endowed with the highest poetical aspirations.
Idris is variously represented in Welsh tradition as a prince, magician, sorcerer and astronomer, the only thing on which all authorities agree being his immense statue. The "Lake of the Three Pebbles," which lies at the foot of the Giant's Chair, contains three large blocks of stone, which Idris is said to have once poured out of his boots. The smallest of these stones will weigh a ton and a half.—St. Louis Republic.

A Monkey's Heroism.

The following story of a monkey's heroism is told by an Indian paper: "A large orang-outang was very much attached to his master and to the baby boy, who was the pet of the whole family. One day a fire suddenly broke out in the house, and everybody was running here and there to put it out, while the little boy in his nursery was almost forgotten, and when they thought of him the staircase was all in flames. What could be done? As they were looking up and wondering, a large, hairy hand and arm opened the window and presently the monkey appeared with the baby in his arms, and carefully climbed down over the porch and brought the child safely to his nurse."

Silver Thaw.

"Silver thaw" is a name applied to winter phenomenon of frequent occurrence at Ben Nevis observatory. It consists of rain falling when the air is below freezing point and congealing whenever it reaches the ground. Of course this points to an inversion of the temperature, which is lower on the mountain top than at greater heights, and, being largely associated with a cyclonic distribution of pressure, it is of considerable "forecasting" value.—New York Journal.